

## ***Island of the Blue Dolphins***

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### **Book Punch – Evidence and Inference**

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. When you find a fact in the book that answers a pre-writing question, write the page number next to the question.

#### **Evidence and Inference Topic 1**

The meeting of two cultures can be helpful or harmful to one or both groups.

Write a paragraph describing what occurs at the beginning of the story when outsiders come into contact with residents of the Island of the Blue Dolphins.

*(This topic is recommended for students who have read through Chapter 3.)*

1. What group of people comes to the Island of the Blue Dolphins at the beginning of the story? Give the reason they have come to the island.
2. What agreement has been made between the islanders and the people who have come to the island?
3. What causes the fight between the islanders and the people who have come to the island?
4. What is the result of the fight between the islanders and the foreign group?

#### **Evidence and Inference Topic 2**

People are capable of incredible achievements when their survival is at stake. In the story, the character of Karana shows how the will to survive can overcome seemingly overwhelming odds. Write a paragraph detailing the ways Karana makes her survival on the island possible.

*(This topic is recommended for students who have read through Chapter 12.)*

1. Where does Karana decide to build her home?
2. How does Karana protect herself from the wild dogs that live on the island?
3. How does Karana build her shelter?
4. What other item or items does Karana make, and how?

#### **Evidence and Inference Topic 3**

Acts of kindness can lead to their own reward. Write a paragraph describing how Karana's acts of kindness towards the wild dog benefit her.

*(This topic is recommended for students who have read through Chapter 15.)*

1. What does Karana do to scare the wild dogs from their lair? Include a description of how the dogs react.
2. What does Karana do when the lead dog stands his ground and faces her?
3. When Karana returns to the spot where she left the leader, what does she find and what action does she take?
4. What is the result of Karana's actions towards the leader of the wild dogs?